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September Severe Weather, December Snow Keeps SEOC, Local Governments Busy

On September 22-23, 2006, a series of severe weather storms and tornadoes swept across Missouri destroying over 600 residences and 75 businesses in 12 counties.

Missouri Governor Blunt signed two Executive Orders freeing up State Agency resources to assist local governments.

Once again the Partnership played a vital role in providing immediate needs assistance for citizen recovering from the storm damages. The Disaster Recovery Partnership continues to work with Long Term Recovery Committees to address affordable housing.

Those counties were Butler, Crawford, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Madison, New Madrid, Perry, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley and St. Francois Counties. The storms were particularly devastating because many residents were under insured. Many of the rural areas lacked affordable housing options for many of the displaced citizens.

Missouri asked for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for both Individual and Public Assistance. FEMA denied the State's request for a declaration.



On November 30-December 1,

2006, a severe winter storm system dropped freezing rain, sleet, ice and snow over Missouri. Some areas of the state experienced up to 14 inches of snow. Ice covered electrical lines caused power outages for over 250,000 Ameren customers in the Eastern Missouri. Four deaths were directly related to the storms. Shelters and warming centers were established in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Francois County, and Washington County.

The Governor signed two Executive Orders freeing up State Agency resources to assist local governments and activated the Missouri National Guard to help deliver supplies, generators, and help local officials conduct home-to-home health checks. The American Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Way provided food, water, blankets and operated shelters and warming centers.

Other Missouri Agencies active in both disasters include: Office of Administration, Departments of Social Service, Mental Health, Health & Senior Services, Natural Resources, Transportation, and the Public Safety Director and divisions of Missouri State Highway Patrol, Water Patrol, Fire Safety and SEMA.

Missouri received an Emergency Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Services for the July 19-21, 2006 Summer Severe Storm which impacted City of St. Louis, and the Counties of Dent, Iron, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Washington. Missouri made a formal request for both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance was denied on August 16, 2006. Missouri appealed the decision, and was granted a Public Assistance Declaration for the City of St. Louis only.



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Missouri's Emergency Management Program Achieves Conditional Accreditation

The emergency preparedness and response system of the Missouri state government received Conditional Accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

Emergency management accreditation represents a significant achievement. Accreditation is a means of demonstrating, through program assessment,



documentation and on-site assessment by an independent team, that a program meets national standards. All of Missouri's state executive departments were evaluated during a "Baseline Accreditation" visit in April of this year. Mark James, Director of the Department of Public Safety led the overall state effort, with Ron Reynolds, Director of the State Emergency Management

Agency providing guidance, training and leadership throughout the process.

"All of the executive departments must be congratulated for their outstanding cooperation in the accreditation process. Their willingness to work with SEMA on operational plans, manage disaster response at the State Emergency Operations Center, and their commitment to protecting our citizens during a disaster paid huge dividends for Missouri," James said.

"Missouri is one of the few states to receive conditional accreditation following the baseline team visit. We are looking at achieving full accreditation in a few months," Ron M. Reynolds, SEMA Director said.

All 52 state and territories were evaluated, but only a few have earned recognition to date. The EMAP Commission awarded full accreditation to the pilot programs of Florida and the District of Columbia in 2003. Since then six state programs (Arizona, Illinois, Massachusetts, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Virginia) have progressed through conditional accreditation to full accreditation. Other conditionally accredited state programs currently are Georgia, Louisiana, New York, Tennessee and Utah. One local jurisdiction has achieved accredited program recognition and one other has earned conditional accreditation.

"Missouri has achieved an important step in the accreditation process and we are pleased to see the program striving to meet national standards," said Ellis M. Stanley, Sr., chairman of the EMAP Commission and general manager of the Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department. "Jurisdictions that work toward and achieve compliance with these standards are in the forefront in ensuring they have an established, viable system in place to deal with disasters."

Working collaboratively since 1997, state, local and federal emergency managers developed EMAP to provide a quality standard assessment to strengthen capabilities and demonstrate accountability. EMAP is a voluntary accreditation process that views a state's entire "emergency management program," including personnel, resources, and communications from a variety of agencies and disciplines in preparation for and in response to an emergency or disaster.

The EMAP Standard is based upon the NFPA 1600 Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs. Missouri's conditionally

Director's Report

This is an exciting time for SEMA. We have received "Conditional Accreditation" for our program. Within the next few months, we will submit the additional information requested for "Full Accreditation." I cannot thank the State Agency responders and all the Emergency Management Directors for all their hard work in preparing for and interviews with the accreditation team.



As you receive this newsletter, we will have worked through our first winter season severe storm. The NWS conference calls with EMDs prior to the storm were invaluable as an aid in preparing for approaching severe weather. I'm sure I am not alone in thanking our NWS friends for their help.

Additionally the daily conference calls with impacted counties were excellent. The cities and counties input was an excellent way to help the State anticipate and gather resources prior to formal requests for assistance. I continue to encourage cities and county governments to work together on their local disaster response.

I wish each of you Season's Greetings and a prosperous New Year!

accredited program has a few changes to complete to attain full compliance during a nine-month conditional accreditation period; then the program's changes will be reviewed for full accreditation.

"We truly appreciate the support of the state government's departments in reaching this milestone and look forward to achieving full accreditation next year," said Randy Scrivner of SEMA who served as the state's EMAP Program Manager.

Season's Greetings from SEMA



The Executive, IT and MERC Branch



Administration & Fiscal Branch



The Planning & Disaster Recovery Branch



Mitigation & Floodplain Management Branch



Homeland Security Grant Branch

The Operations, Training & Exercise Branch



Blunt Praises Organizations' Response, Willingness to Help Neighbors

Gov. Matt Blunt praised the overwhelming show of support organizations and individual volunteers demonstrated in the wake of December's winter storm.

"Words cannot express the heartfelt thank you to the volunteer organizations and concerned individual Missourians for their compassionate response to help their neighbors cope with last week's devastating winter storm," Blunt said. "Missouri's volunteers 'can do' attitude is outstanding."

Hundreds of Salvation Army, American Red Cross and faith-based volunteers have been active in providing hot meals, supplies, operating shelters and warming stations for Missourians across the state and most notably in St. Louis City and Cooper, Greene, Iron, Jefferson, Laclede, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis and Washington Counties, as well as stranded motorists along interstate highways over the weekend.

The American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Southern Baptist's feeding operations have provided tens of thousands of hot meals to citizens. Many volunteers working with county public health offices have conducted hundreds of well-being visits for senior and special needs citizens. Likewise AmeriCorps and the Southern Baptist chain saw crews have been helping clear yard debris for those same citizens in St. Louis City and St. Francois, St. Louis and Washington Counties. Other faith-based disaster volunteers, such as the United Way, United Methodist and Catholic Charities, have been providing referral information for thousands of citizens for storm related assistance since December 1, 2006.

The Governor's Disaster Recovery Partnership, Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and Community Organizations Active in Disaster are working on long-term recovery needs for citizens in numerous counties.

Earthquake Awareness Activities Set for February '07

The 2007 Earthquake Awareness Activities will run from February 1-11, this year. While many events are set, additional events continue to be developed as of SEMA Winter newsletter press time. The Earthquake Awareness Campaign will be posted to the SEMA homepage in mid-December. As always, EMDs are encouraged to pick awareness topics they want to share with their local media. A general press release with the events will be emailed to all media in late January. A proclamation has been submitted to the Governor for his approval/signature.

2007 Activities include:

- February 1: Missouri Seismic Safety Meeting, 10 a.m., St. Louis University.
- February 2: "Earthquakes Mean Business" Seminar, 8 a.m., St. Louis.
- February 3: St. Louis Science Center, hands-on exhibits, speakers, maps and displays for children and their parents from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Also featured will be the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute's (EERI) collegiate engineering research contest winners.
- February 5: Charleston Earthquake Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- TBA: Cape Girardeau Non-Structural Hazard Mitigation Workshop.
- February 8: New Madrid Earthquake Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- February 9: State Senator Rob Mayer and State Rep Billy Pat Wright Dexter will host a meeting.
- February 10: SEMA & DNR' Earthquake 101 for Teachers, Classroom instruction, New Madrid.
- February 11: Earthquake 101 for Teachers field trip various sites 8 a.m. – noon, New Madrid.

People and Their Pets in Disaster

The President signed the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS) Act. This new law amends the Stafford Act to ensure that State and Local plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals before, during, and after a major disaster.

In Missouri, SEMA is revising the Mass Care Annex and Appendix 1 of the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) to comply with the Federal law.

SEMA is working with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Health and Senior Services, as well as volunteer organizations including the Humane Society of Missouri, and the Missouri Veterinarian Association.

Once the pet care appendix to the Mass Care Annex in the SEOP is finalized, planning templates for local jurisdictions will be developed. The templates will be distributed to all Emergency Management Directors to include in their local emergency operations plans.

Currently, the Humane Society of Missouri and the Missouri Veterinarian Association volunteer organizations are developing information for pet owners.

The law focuses on:

- Requires that local and state emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets or service animals prior to, during, and after a major disaster;
- Grants FEMA the authority to assist states and local communities in developing disaster plans to take into account the needs of people with pets and service animals;
- Authorizes FEMA to make financial contributions for animal emergency preparedness purposes; and
- Allows Federal Agencies to provide assistance essential to meeting threats to life and property resulting from a major disaster for individuals with pets and service animals, and the animals themselves.

At A Glance

New Directors

Ray County Presiding Commissioner **Jess Adams** is the Ray County EMD; **John Shearman** Callaway County EMD; **Jamie Stillo** Brookfield EMD; **Byron Smith** Popular Bluff EMD; **Gary England** Benton County EMD; **Jerry Galloway** Caldwell County EMD; **Larry Sandarciero** Carter County EMD; **John Prance** Stoddard County; **James Burns** Monroe City EMD; **Jeremy Gibson** Ralls County EMD; **Robert Scott** Cole Camp EMD; Chief **Aaron Burkemper** New Melle EMD, **James McNabb** Sturgeon EMD, **Richard Sayles** Platte City EMD; and **W. H. "Bill" Halmich** Washington EMD; **Bob Gosnell** re-appointed EMD for City of Bernie (Stoddard County); **Kermit Hargis** is the EMD City of Bolivar (Polk County).

Congratulations

Dave Hedrick is the new director of University of Missouri Extension's Fire and Rescue Training Institute, beginning January 8, 2007.

Retires

David Ray EMD for Nodaway County.

Condolences to the

Family of **Bob L. Gruner**, who died in October. Bob retired from SEMA in 1993 after a 31-year career. At the time of his retirement, Bob managed the Disaster Assistance Program.

Friends and Family of **Martha Vandivort** passed away suddenly in December. She was the Deputy Director of Cape Girardeau County Emergency Management, when D. Brian Miller was the Director. She also served on the Board of the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association (MEPA).

Changes at SEMA

Promotions

Marilyn Carrender appointed interim IT Manager for SEMA.

New Employees

Charmaine Thompson joined the Floodplain/Mitigation section. She will be working as a contractor from AMEC to update the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Greg Reed, CUSEC Earthquake Planner assigned to Missouri, will be working with the Planning & Disaster Recovery Branch on the Catastrophic Event (Earthquake) Initiative, and assisting the 47 counties at risk from an New Madrid Seismic event with their response plans.

Carolyn Schupp joined the Homeland Security Grants Section in training.

Resignations

Jeff Falter, Information Technology Branch Chief, accepted a position with the Missouri Department of Revenue.



SEMA Training recently conducted a pilot WMD Monitoring Class. More classes will be offered.



SEMA Training Schedule

Date	Title	Location
12/11-13/06	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	Jefferson City
12/13-14/06	Special Events Contingency Planning (POST)	Chesterfield
1/9-10/07	EMAC (Invitation only)	SEOC
1/9-11/07	Homeland Security Planning Local Gov (APDS)	Chillicothe
1/17-18/07	ICS Advanced (POST) Invitation Only	Jefferson City
1/23-24/07	WEM: Disaster Recovery – Local Gov't (APDS)	St. Charles
1/23-24/07	Hazardous Weather & Flooding (APDS)	Springfield
1/30-2/1/07	Exercise Design and Evaluation (POST)	Chillicothe
1/30/07	Community Mass Care T-t-T	SEOC
2/6-7/07	Community Mass Care Mgt (APDS)	West Plains
2/6-8/07	Effective Communications (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
2/13-15/07	ISC/EOC Interface (APDS, POST)	St. Peters
2/21/07	ICS/ECO Interface (APDS, POST)	Branson
2/26-28/07	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	SEOC
3/13-14/07	Emergency Planning (PDS, POST)	Chesterfield
3/27-29/07	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	St. Louis City
4/10-11/07	Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
4/17-19/07	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS)	St. Charles
4/24/07	Ready in Three (local offering)	Maryville
4/24/07	Damage Assessment (POST) (local)	Springfield
5/15-17/07	Mass Fatalities Incident Response (APDS, POST)	Springfield
5/29-30/07	WEM: Disaster Recovery – Local Gov't (APDS)	Joplin
7/17-19/07	Emergency Planning (PDS, POST)	SEOC
7/17-18/07	Multi Hazard Safety School Planning (APDS)	Chesterfield
7/24-25/07	Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST)	West Plains
8/8-9/07	Multi Hazard Safety School Planning (APDS)	West Plains
8/14-15/07	Leadership & influence (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
8/14-16/07	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	Springfield
8/16/07	Decision Making & Problem Solving (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
9/11-13/07	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST)	Branson
TBD	To Be Determined	
PDS	Professional Development Series	
APDS	Advanced Professional Development Series	
IO	Invitation Only	
POST	Peace Officer Standards and Training Certification offered	
T-t-T	Train-the-Trainer	
LOCAL Only	Participants within 50-mile radius only.	

Southeast Missouri Earthquake Exercise Lessons Learned:

- **First 6 hours all communities are on own.**
- **Initial disaster response is local (first 3 hrs),**
- **2nd 3 hrs Establish local EOCs and Contact SEMA**



Above: SEMA Area Coordinator Mark Winkler works with Scott County participants. Below the Dexter Group works on response issues.



Above: Perry County EMD Jack Lakenan and officials. Below: Caruthersville city officials and EMD Charlie Jones work together.



Catastrophic Event (Earthquake) Annex To Be Tested in Conjunction with SONS 07

In December, the Catastrophic Event (earthquake) Annex will be given to Governor Blunt for his approval. The plan highlights auto responses by State Agencies. SEMA will develop a Catastrophic Event Annex local planning template, which will be shared with all emergency management agency directors throughout the state.

The Catastrophic Event (Earthquake) Annex will be tested by SEMA's Training and Exercise section using a series of local, regional, and state tabletop exercises during the Spring of 2007.

The catastrophic response exercise will be conducted in conjunction with Spills of National Significance (SONS) 07 (Spills of National Significance) exercise June 18-22.

Specifically, Missouri will be testing the State's Catastrophic Event (earthquake) Annex during initial earthquake(s) response, after seven days, and 30 days after the initial earthquakes. The state-level exercise will be conducted at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC at SEMA in Jefferson City). Additional exercise locations tentatively set for the regional exercise (staging areas) in Poplar Bluff, and local exercises tentatively in Dexter, Sikeston and Kennett. Dexter and Kennett would be closest to the epicenter, while Sikeston would be closest to the SONS exercise at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.



Above: DNR's Environmental Emergency Response staff work on HAZMAT.

Below SEMA's Earthquake Program Manager Steve Bessmer and Information Support Jim Bernskoetter.



NEMA Biennial Report: **More Federal Mandates, Less Dollars;** **Emergency Management Focus - Standards**

The 2006 Biennial Report from the National Emergency Management Association reveals ever increasing responsibilities for state emergency management agencies; an on-going struggle for adequate federal funding and states leading the way in continuous improvement for their emergency management programs.

While all states have homeland security functions, most are tasking significant homeland security responsibilities to their state emergency management agencies. Three national priorities identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - the National Response Plan, the National Incident Management System and the National Preparedness Goal - are assigned most frequently to emergency management for implementation. The same is true for risk and vulnerability assessments, where emergency management takes the lead in 18 states.

Unfortunately, these growing responsibilities that are mandated by the federal government are not supported by adequate funding. The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is the only federal funding available to state and local governments for all-hazards planning, training and exercises as well as some personnel costs. The report says that now there is an estimated \$287 million shortfall in the program. This is up from an earlier estimated shortfall of \$260 million. The fear is that as the gap grows, the nation's ability to respond to disasters of all types is seriously compromised.

The report also reveals some worrisome trends. Beginning in FY 2003, Congress reduced the funding formula for state hazard mitigation - activities that help reduce the devastation caused by future disasters - from 15 percent to 7 percent of disaster costs. While recent reform legislation eliminated the 7 percent restriction, the cap forced states to either reduce the amount they spent on critically needed mitigation programs; suspend buy-out assistance programs for flooded communities; or eliminate projects all together.

According to the report, as mitigation spending went down, response and recovery expenditures went up. In 1999 for example, when mitigation spending totaled \$498 million, response and recovery was at \$672 million. Four years later, mitigation spending fell to \$310 million, but response and recovery spending had increased to \$746 million. The cycle continued in 2005 when mitigation spending decreased again, this time to \$122 million. Response and recovery spending went up to \$794 million.

There are positive findings as well. An overwhelming majority of states - 46 - are making use of established standards to assess capabilities and address shortfalls in their state emergency management programs. Eleven states are taking it even further, requiring local jurisdictions to use standards, such as those in the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), in the development of annual work plans. This trend of using standards could have far-reaching implications. Regardless of their size or scope, all disasters start as local events. Standards would result in a more comprehensive emergency management program at the local level, which would mean greater capability when a disaster occurs.

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a national mutual aid agreement that allows support across state lines when a disaster occurs, played a key role in the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita response. By spring 2006, the compact had deployed nearly 66,000 people from 48 states, at a cost of more than \$830 million.

Thirty-five states now have established similar structures within their own borders. These intrastate agreements allow jurisdictions to help one another while having provisions in place to address reimbursement, liability and workers compensation issues. Thirty-six states also have a regional mutual aid mechanism in place.

New PSAs On Family Emergency Planning

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and The Advertising Council unveiled new public service advertisements (PSAs) for television, radio, print, Internet and outdoors to support the Ready Campaign. Ready is a national public service advertising campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The new documentary-style television and radio ads feature real families discussing their emergency plans, or lack of and ask, "Is your plan any better?" In her PSA, Mrs. Bush encourages Americans to take some basic steps to prepare their families for all types of emergencies.

While there is still a long way to go to ensure that all Americans have taken steps to prepare, there are indications of progress. A study conducted in June by the Ad Council for the Ready Campaign found:

91 percent of respondents said it is "very" or "somewhat" important for all Americans to be prepared for emergencies

From 2005 to 2006, the proportion of Americans who said they have taken any steps to prepare rose 10 points, from 45 percent to 55 percent

There were also several notable increases in key preparedness behaviors from 2004 to 2006:

- Put together an emergency kit: 44 percent in 2004 to 54 percent in 2006
- Created a family emergency plan: 32 percent in 2004 to 39 percent in 2006
- Searched for info about preparedness: 28 percent in 2004 to 40 percent in 2006



CALLAWAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT EXERCISE - Left Jim Pasely, Brenda Heidbreider and Gayla Weber operate the Rumor Control telephones. Above Power plant responders to the SEOC floor.

What Is DisasterHelp? disasterhelp.gov

This web site is part of the President's Disaster Management Egov Initiative - a larger initiative aimed at greatly enhancing Disaster Management on an interagency and intergovernmental basis. The Disaster Management initiative uses cutting-edge information technology to improve the delivery of disaster assistance information and services by creating a single Internet-based portal to serve the public's requirement for assistance, and the government's requirement to provide disaster information and services. The public side of the portal will be a single location where the public and private businesses can easily access disaster information and services provided by government agencies and non-governmental organizations.

The government side of the portal will provide a layered, secure environment that provides access to disaster information made available from government and non-governmental organizations, and the means to securely exchange sensitive information relating to disaster preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery. Government emergency managers will be able to use the portal to monitor major disaster and national security events, coordinate Federal, State, and private organization responses, and collaborate on damage assessments and summaries.

The Disaster Management initiative will make disaster assistance information easier to find, cut the "red tape" for citizens to apply for disaster assistance, and eliminate redundant agency processes. Disaster services providers will save considerable resources and, potentially, lives. The accelerated provision of information and services to disaster victims will expedite recovery, reduce government spending, speed rebuilding, and restore public confidence.

The Disaster Management e-Government Initiative is one of 24 initiatives established by the President's Management Council. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is sponsoring this initiative. This supports a multitude of Federal Agency missions including FEMA's mission to reduce the loss of life and property and protect our institutions from all hazards. The partnerships established will support the Federal mission to provide the Nation a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Disaster Management Partners include: United States Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Defense (DoD), Energy (DoE), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Justice, Commerce, Education, Health and Human Services (HHS), Interior (DOI), Labor (DOL), State (DOS), Treasury, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Transportation (DOT), Veterans Affairs (VA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Personnel Management (OPM), United States Postal Service (USPS), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Small Business Administration (SBA), American Red Cross, National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Geological Survey (USGS), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and FEMA.

Good News Stories....

Douglas Co/Ava Preparedness Month Activities

Douglas County/Ava's Preparedness Fair a Success!



PICTURED ARE: Ava Mayor Leon Harris, Douglas County Presiding Commissioner Donald Potter, District 1 Commissioner Richard Mitchell, District 2 Commissioner Danny Dry, EMA Director Ron Tost, and Co-Director Teresa Tost.

The Douglas County and City of Ava elected officials jointly signed the Proclamation declaring September 16th, 2006 as Preparedness Day in Douglas County. Douglas County/City of Ava EMD held a Preparedness Fair at the Ava Wal-Mart, which gave citizens the chance to view emergency vehicles, equipment and displays from local emergency service and response agencies.

Participants were: Goodhope Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Corps, Ava Rural Fire Department, local K-9 Team, Division of Fire Safety, Douglas County Health Department, City of Ava Fire Department, Cox Ambulance along with Cox Air Care, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Citizens had the chance to walk through the (Community Emergency Response Team) CERT Training Trailer and see some of the equipment that is used for training. They saw a demonstration with the Jaws of Life equipment. The Douglas County Command Unit showcased interoperable communications equipment. The Douglas County Amateur Radio set up a portable antenna and a radio using emergency power to show how easy it is to set up equipment in a disaster.

A New Study Says Kansas City Can Handle A Mass Evacuation Better Than Any City in the Country

The American Highway Users Alliance's report gave the Kansas City metro area an "A" (score of 90 on a 100-point scale) for its "evacuation capacity."

No other urban area received higher than a "B" grade from the group, which says its lobbies for "highway safety and mobility."

The group used three criteria for judging evacuation capacity: the ability of streets and highways to carry traffic, the ability of internal streets to deliver traffic to highways, and car ownership. In all three categories, Kansas City ranked in the top ten. It

ranked first in "exit capacity" because of the extensive highway system in and around the metro area, and the area's relatively small population.

The group said its study was prompted, in part, by the problems evacuating New Orleans in advance of Hurricane Katrina. Of the 37 metro areas included in the study, New Orleans ranked 12th in evacuation capacity. Twenty-five other cities, including Denver, Minneapolis, and Chicago ranked lower, and received "F" grades in the study. Los Angeles was graded the worst, earning 25.6 points on the 100-point scale. The study recommends increasing roadway capacity, and making it easier for low-income Americans to own cars.

Southern Stone County FPD's Training Trailer

Southern Stone County Fire Protection Chief and Stone County EMD Tom Martin provided photos of the new Southern Stone County Fire Protection District's new training trailer. The unit was funded through the DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$351,531.00. The total cost of the unit was \$369,000.



Murdock wants Cuba prepared for a disaster

Cuba Emergency Management Director Les Murdock thinks everyone should be prepared for disaster, because you never know when it'll come.

Murdock feels that Cuba could experience a tornado similar to the one that destroyed parts of St. James. "We have the railroad, the airport, the interstate," he explained. "There are numerous dangers from tornadoes, snow and ice, wind that can knock out the electric. People say they don't need a shelter-that they can stay with friends, but they need to be able to sustain themselves for at least a week. A safety kit can help with that. This is stuff you already have in the house to be able to take care of yourself. Most people have car insurance or homeowner's insurance for the 'just in case.' This is the same thing. We have been lucky, but we never know when disaster might strike."

For Winter Awareness Day, Murdock encouraged his citizens to create a safety kit in the event an evacuation is necessary. Supplies should be stored in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks, duffle bags or covered trash containers. It should include a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil. Murdock recommends foods high in protein, such as beef jerky or granola bars because they provide more energy in smaller amounts. Other supplies include one change of clothing and footwear per person per day, one blanket or sleeping bag per person and a first aid kit that includes required dosages of your family's prescription medications. Other items for your safety kit to include would be an extra set of car keys and credit card, cash in small bills or traveler's checks, sanitation supplies, special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members, and an extra pair of glasses. Important family documents should be kept in a waterproof container. A smaller emergency kit can be put inside one's car, in case disaster strikes while on the road.

Homeland Security Updates....



371 Participate in Maryville HSRT Exercise

The Missouri Department of Public Safety's Homeland Security Advisor and the SEMA Exercise Program conducted a large exercise in Maryville this fall. Three different situations, in three different locations tested the ability of the Homeland Security Response Teams to respond, to communicate with each other, and a change to meet other team members face-to-face during an exercise.

Over 371 players were involved in the Maryville Exercise: Seven HSRT Teams (120), City/County (24), Media (3), Actors (53), Observers (10), Controller (17), Evaluator (16), and Safety Officers (8).

Regionalization Committees and FY06 HS Grant Allocations

The nine regionalization Homeland Security Oversight Committees (HSOC) mirror the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop areas. Each committee makes recommendations to Missouri's Homeland Security Advisory Council for regional program and equipment priorities. Each Oversight Committee is comprised of representatives from various jurisdictions and non-voting ex-officio state agencies. The RPC provides administrative and fiscal support to each Regional Oversight Committee. This year, each committee will address the four core areas: Agriculture, Interoperability, Mass Care

and Citizen Protection and Volunteer and Donations Management.

The amount of money that each region received was based on a formula, which considered the following: (1) Number of Counties in each region, (2) Population totals per the 2000 Census, and the (3) Number of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources identified by the State in each region.

**HSOC - Region A Non UASI -
Kansas City area allocation is
\$671,653**

Chair Commissioner Rusty Kahrs of Pettis County, Vice-Chair Sheriff Charles Heiss of Johnson County. Other members: 911 Tom Ling of Johnson County, EMD Timothy Young of Bates County, EMS Michael Gardner of Benton County, Fire

Chief John Reeves of Saline County, Health Diana Stout of Pettis County, HSRT Tim Mosier of Pettis County, Mayor Dennis Pyle in Bates County, Police Robert Kinder in Lafayette County, Public Works Robert Crumb of Johnson County, and Volunteer Richard Deford of Pettis County.

**HSOC – Region B - Northeast
allocation is \$959,771**

EMD John Hark of Marion County, Police David Hane of Brookfield, Sheriff Daniel Parshall of Shelby County, County Health Gary Rutledge of Linn County, County Commissioner Lyndon Bode of Marion County, 911 Becky Leake of Ralls County, EMS Bill Pearman of Chariton County Ambulance District, Fire Randy Behrens of Kirksville, HRST Charles Paxton of Hannibal, Mayor Mark Campbell of LaGrange, Public Works Roy Monroe of Memphis, Utility Wayne Hackman of Macon Electric Cooperative, and Volunteer Gayle Stanley of Red Cross.

**Region C HSOC (Funds for both the
North and South) Allocation is
\$616,274**

**HSO Committee – Region C (North)
Non-UASI – St. Louis area**

Police Patrick Harney of Warrenton, Sheriff Kevin Harrison of Warren County, Fire Brian Nickerson of Wright City, Health Brett Siefert of Lincoln County, Mayor Kelly Henderson of Louisiana, Commissioner Arden Engelage of Warren County, Private/Public Larry Shroth of Ameren, EMS Ralph Hellebusch, 911 Renee Berry of Warren County, Public Works – Charlie McLeod of Alliance, and EMD Michael Daniels of Warren County.

**HSO Committee – Region C (South)
Non UASI – St. Louis area**

EMD Art Armbruster of Ste. Genevieve County, Police William Jones of Perryville, Sheriff Dan Bullock of St. Francois County, Fire Charles LaRose of Perryville, Health Judy Wright of Washington County, Mayor Dick Herbel of St. Genevieve, County Commissioner Albert Fults of Ste. Genevieve County, Private Industry John Rauh of Citizens

Electric Cooperative, EMS David Tetrault of St. Francois Ambulance District, 911 Alan Wells of St. Francois County, Volunteer Al Sullivan of Caring Communities.

**HSOC – Region D – Southwest
Allocation is \$1,696,274**

Chair: EMD Chris Berndt of Taney County, Public Works David Brock of Republic, Mayor Jim Collins of Republic, Utilities Bill Deal of Springfield, Private/LEPC David Edwards of Silver Dollar City, Health Angela Ford of Stone County, Sheriff Richard Hill of Stone County, EMS David Hoover of Springfield, Volunteer Debbie Meeds of Springfield, HSRT Mitch Randles of Joplin, Police Lynn Rowe of Springfield, Fire Jimmy Sebree of Nixa, Commissioner Charles Surface of Jasper County, and 911 J.R. Webb of Green County.

**HSOC – Region E – Southeast
Allocation is \$1,040,357**

EMD Richard Couch of Butler County, Police Carl Kinnison of Cape Girardeau, Sheriff John Jordan of Cape Girardeau, Health Becky Hunt of Madison County, HS Team Brad Golden of Jackson, Public Works Bill Taylor of Butler County, Mayor Doug Leslie of Cape Girardeau, County Commissioner Jamie Burger of Scott County, Private Industry John Farris of M&Z Electric Power Cooperative, EMD Paul Spain of Kennett, 911 Joe Burton of Scott County, Volunteer Cheryl Klueppel of Red Cross.

**HSOC – Region F – Central
Allocation is \$1,198,425**

Chair: HRST Mike Rackers of Cole County, Vice Chair: Fire Gary A. Woodson of Lake Ozark, Public Works Larry Benz of Cole County, EMD Biggers Barlow of Miller County, Volunteer Melissa Friel of Jefferson City, Industry/Private Rich Green of Knapheide Trucks, Mayor John Landwehr of Jefferson City, Health Kevin Lowance of Audrain County, Commissioner Karen Miller of Boone County, Police Victor Pitman of Holts Summit, EMS Mike Shirts of Jefferson City, Sheriff Greg White of Cole County, and 911 Tom White of Cooper

County.

**HSOC – Region G – South Central
Allocation is \$430,544**

EMD Eric King of Oregon County, Police Charles Brotherton of West Plains, Sheriff Robby Crites of Howell County, Fire Mark Bushong of Mountain Grove, HSRT Tim Bean of Howell County, Public Works Wes Parks of West Plains, Mayor Royce Fugate of West Plains, Commissioner Don Shelmanner of Texas County, Private Business Myles Smith of Howell/Oregon Electric Cooperative, EMS Don Ainley of Reynolds County, 911 Lisa Reid of Howell County, and Volunteer Gene Swanson of Willow Springs.

**HSOC – Region H – Northwest
Allocation is \$892,767**

EMD Rhonda Wiley of Atchison County, Police Corey Sloan of Cameron, Fire Phil Rickabaugh of Maryville, Health Mike O'Neil of Harrison County, EMS Steve Groshong of Andrew Co. Ambulance District, 911 Susie Staasheilm of Maryville, and Volunteer Karla Long of Red Cross.

**HSOC – Region I Allocation is
\$577,933**

Chair EMD Bob Hutson of Bourbon, Vice Chair Volunteer Paul Reuff of Phelps County, Public Works Jack Emory of Salem, Fire Chuck Fraley of St Robert, EMS Linda Hanrahan of St. James, Mayor Bill Jenks of Rolla, Sheriff James King, HSRT Bryan Lewis of Rolla, Police Sam Mustard of Lebanon, Private Industry Jerry Wellington of Crawford Electric Cooperative, and 911 Charles Witt of Crawford County.

**PPE Training for LEA/
EMS Personnel**

If your organization received Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) through the LEA/EMS program in FY2004, training is available to help your personnel learn to correctly use and store the equipment. Please contact the State Training Office, Jim Charrier (573-526-9120) or Debbie Cheshire (573-526-9111) to arrange training.

Hospital Assn Distributes Mass Casualty Trailers

By Bradley Strecker,
Missouri Hospital Association

Over the next several months, the Missouri Hospital Association will be distributing 16 24-foot Mass Casualty Trailers to regional hospitals across the state. The trailers were purchased and equipped by the HRSA grant. Each trailer is designed to care for up to 100 patients in a mass casualty situation and to ensure interoperability communication during the event.

The trailers will be distributed to the following hospitals:

- Region B: Northeast Regional and Hannibal Regional
- Region D: St. John's Joplin
- Region E: Madison Co, Southeast Medical Center (Cape), Saint Francis (Cape), Poplar Bluff, Pemiscot Co
- Region F: University Hosp (2), Boone Hospital, Capital Regional, Lake Regional
- Region G: Ozarks Medical Center (West Plains)
- Region H: Heartland Health System
- Region I: Phelps Co.

Blunt Adds Schools to Regional HS Oversight Committees

Gov. Matt Blunt signed an executive order adding an education representative to the state's Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (RHSOC) and called on educators to get involved in school safety planning.

The executive order introduces a new approach to homeland security in Missouri that for the first time officially includes the education community. The governor has directed each RHSOC to add elementary and secondary education as another category with full membership representation so that schools are actively engaged in homeland security planning.

Blunt also sent a letter to state school officials encouraging them to

implement recommendations designed to enhance school safety. Blunt encourages Missouri school officials to:

* Create a comprehensive school safety plan and review that plan on a regular basis.

* Include all levels of public safety personnel, as well as all sectors of school personnel (instructional, administrative and functional staff), in the planning process.

* Continue to communicate with stakeholders on providing safe schools. Parents, students, staff, administration and public safety personnel should be in constant communication regarding new developments and incident prevention methods.

* Provide training, at least annually, to personnel in all sectors on school safety procedures.

* Assist students in feeling connected to their schools. Provide character education as an important role in keeping students engaged as part of the school community.

FY 2005 Interoperable Communications Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Revised September 29, 2006

Q: If I can save money on radios, can I purchase additional radios? What happens to leftover funds?

A: No. You are limited to the number of radios awarded. Leftover funds, realized by competitive bidding and/or savings, will be awarded to fellow emergency responders so that Missouri can continue to enhance its interoperability capability.

Q: Can I purchase accessories for the radios? What about installation?

A: The intent of the grant is to pay for portable and mobile radio units. Repeaters for base units are not allowable. An antenna for a mobile unit only may be considered part of the

basic package. Installation is covered on mobile radios. Repeaters for mobile radios may be allowed pending pre-approval by SEMA.

Q: If I save money on portables, can I apply those savings towards mobiles?

A: Yes. Three things limit your purchase – the Total Qty of radios approved, the Total allocation and the stipulation that if you decommission 5 mobiles, for example, you MUST replace with 5 mobiles. This is noted in the Instructions for Decommissioning in the paragraph below "Option 3:" on page 2. Do not decommission 10 mobiles and replace with 10 portables.

Q: Must I purchase the brand originally proposed in my application?

A: NO. As long as your purchase meets compliance standards, the brand does not matter.

Q: Can I buy radios that are not yet compliant, but will be (acc to the vendor), in the near future when the new software is available?

A: We cannot reimburse you for noncompliant radios. Reminder: The final grant date is February 28, 2007. If it won't be compliant by then, don't buy it.

Q: What kind of pre-programming must take place?

A: You dictate most of the programming. The only requirement is the pre-programming of a channel or channels that enable interoperability, commonly called "MTAC," "UTAC," or "VTAC."

Q: Do I have to bid the radios?

A: You MUST adhere to local procurement guidelines for purchases. Violation could result in repayment of funds.

Q: If we choose Option 2 for decommissioning, can the vendor turn the radios back to us in lieu of a credit?

A: NO! These radios must be taken out of circulation and cannot be reused by you. *Reminder: Only wideband radios can be decommissioned.*

Q: We submitted a multi-jurisdictional application. One of the entities approved to receive a radio or radios no longer wants to participate. Can we reassign that radio somewhere else?

A: No. If an intended recipient does not want to participate for any reason, SEMA should be notified. That award amount will be adjusted accordingly.

Q: I am getting conflicting information from vendors.

A: If you have ANY questions, please contact SEMA prior to purchasing the radios. You are accountable for the grant terms being met. Failure to do so may result in nonpayment of your reimbursement request or, if discovered after payment, repayment may be necessary.

Q: The Grant Guidance talks about accessing your grant information online, but I received an email rejecting my account request.

A: This process is not used now. Please contact Brian Ingram at (573) 526-9227 if you have any questions or concerns.

Q: How do I get reimbursed?

A: Reimbursement starts with the following questions. Do you have your progress report in? Does your agency have a FEIN number that is up to date? Have you filled the request for reimbursement form completely? Do you have an invoice that clearly has the amount and what type of radio that was purchased? Do you have a copy of the check that was used in the purchase

or do you have a check number? If you have these documents you should be reimbursed in 7 to 10 working days.

Q: Can I buy an extended warranty?

A: Extended warranties are not accessories; extra batteries are also not extra accessories. If extended warranty is on invoice when purchased please contact your vendor and explain that we do not cover the warranty.
NO EXCEPTIONS

Extra Accessories are the following: Portable Case, Lapel Microphone, Nothing above or beyond the standard equipment that comes with the radio.

Please remember there are volunteers and/or volunteer organizations who would benefit from your support. Please review Option 1 and consider decommissioning to a Citizen Council, local CERT team, Amateur Radio group, or other non-government organization involved in emergency response and recovery.

Request for Reimbursement Checklist Interoperable Communications FY2005

- Original Request for Reimbursement Form with signature and Check number
- Invoice
- FEIN Form
- Serial #'s for new radios
- Progress Report In from the month of July
- Subscriber Unit Decommission Log
- Option 2 Verification Form

If you have any questions please call or e-mail: Brian Ingram, (573) 526-9227, or brian.ingram@sema.dps.mo.gov

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Building entry.



Using leverage to move heavy items.



Finding a victim.



Getting the victim to a triage area for evaluation.